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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY FROM DEP. ASST. SECY. OAKLEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, OVIP, RP (MURPHY, AMBASSADOR RICHARD W.)

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS

REF: A. MANILA 14856 B. STATE 214935

1. APPRECIATE ADVANCE WORD THAT ENRILE, MENDOZA AND VIRATA WILL ACCOMPANY ROMULO TO UNGA (REF A). ROMULO HAS MADE A PRACTICE OF BRINGING THEM ALONG IN PAST FEW YEARS, SO IT DOES NOT SEEM TOO LIKELY THEY WILL EXPECT TO DISCUSS MBA IN DETAIL, WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE PRECEDED THEM HERE.

2. GIVEN EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE DURING UNGA FOR SECRETARY , DICK HOLBROOKE AND OTHERS ON OUR SIDE, WHO HAVE MAJOR VOICE IN OUR POLICY, I DOUBT WE COULD ARRANGE MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIONS IF YOU DO NOT RETURN BEFORE LATE SEPT. ON BALANCE, THEREFORE, WOULD PREFER THAT YOU RETURN PRIOR UNGA
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AS SUGGESTED REF B. THEREFORE, I HOPE YOU CAN HOLD DOWN SPECULATION THAT YOUR CONSULTATIONS ARE LINKED TO BASE TALKS , RATHER PORTRAYING THEM AS GENERAL IN NATURE AND ONLY NATURAL AFTER FIRST FEW MONTHS. BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION ON BASE NEGOTIATIONS, BEYOND RESUMED MILITARY-TO-MILITARY TALKS, WE NEED TO REVIEW THE BIDDING VERY THOROUGHLY. IN THIS RESPECT IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT REPEAT NOT TO PROBE

ENRILE/MENDOZA ON JURISDICTION OR OTHER ISSUES AT THIS TIME.

3. FYI WE ARE SENDING A MEMO TO THE PENTAGON ASKING THAT SECRETARY BROWN INVITE ENRILE FOR A LUNCHEON AND BRIEFING ON OUR ASSESSMENT OF MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST ASIA DURING ENRILE'S TIME AT UNGA. SPECIFIC DATES WHEN ENRILE WILL BE IN NYC WOULD BE USEFUL IN THIS REGARD. END FYI.

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